

# EXPERIENCE BRAZIL

Brazil, a country full of fun, interesting culture, outstanding natural wonders and a party experience like no where else in the world, carnival!



Brazil was named after brazilwood, which is a tree that once thrived along the Brazilian coast. It is the largest country in South America and the fifth largest nation in the world. Brazil is the only country in Latin America that speaks Portuguese, as it was a Portuguese colony while the other countries were colonised by Spain.

The Brazilian landscape is varied, but it is most well-known for its dense forests, including the Amazon, the world's largest rainforest. There are also dry grasslands (called pampas), rugged hills, pine forests, sprawling wetlands, immense plateaus and a long coastal plain. Brazil is the only country in the world that the equator and the Tropic of Capricorn running through it.

Brazil has the greatest variety of animals of any country in the world. It is home to 600 mammal species, 1,500 fish species, 1,600 bird species and an amazing 100,000 different types of insects. Brazil's jungles are home to most of its animal life,

but many unique species also live in the pampas and semi-desert regions.

At the beginning of its history around the start of the 16th century, most of Brazilians descended from three ethnic groups: Amerindians, European settlers (mainly from Portugal) and Africans. Starting in the 19th century, waves of immigrants from different parts of Europe, the Middle East, and even Japan added to this mix. This diversity of people has created a rich religious, musical and culinary culture.

Brazil is also home to the world's largest carnival! Each year, in the days leading up to lent, in many different cities people take to the streets to enjoy music, dancing, elaborate costumes and parades to celebrate the date. Imagine how much fun that would be to see!

Brazilians are crazy about soccer (they call it football), and their country has produced some of the most popular players in the world! Brazil has won the FIFA World Cup finals five times, more than any other nation.

The school schedule can vary by state and school but usually it can start at 7:30am and finish at 1.00pm, with some days of the week going until 3.00pm with extracurricular courses.



## PROGRAM INFO

Programs	Travel Dates	Application Deadline	COST (from AUD)
Two months	February - April	31st October 2020	\$7335
Three months	February - May	31st October 2020	\$7435
One Semester	February - June	15th October 2020	\$8985
One Semester	August - December	15th May 2020	\$8985
One full school year	February - December	15th October 2020	\$10,985



## Important Information

- Age: Between 14 and 17 years of age on departure
- Language pre-requisite: Not required but recommended to do online course if no prior learning
- VISA required for Semester and Year students
- \* Flexible with dates for the two and three month programs



The population of Brazil is 214.6 million.



Transport in big cities have the metro lines, trains and buses, but in medium and small cities, the bus would be the only option for public transport.



The capital city of Brazil is Brasilia. The official language spoken in Brazil is Portuguese. The official money used is the Real \$.



Brazilian cuisine varies greatly by region, reflecting the country's mix of native and immigrant populations. This has created a national cuisine marked by the preservation of regional differences. Some typical dishes are feijoada; stew of beef and beans, considered the country's national dish, and regional foods such as beiju; tapioca crepes, and feijão tropeiro; beans with fried eggs, bacon and greens.



Brazil is a big country and its climate varies considerable from north to south, although a large part of the country lies in the tropics. In general Brazil is a year-round destination with temperatures rarely dipping below 20°C apart from the mountains and southern regions. It can vary from hot and dry in the arid interior; sticky in the tropical Amazon jungle and subtropical weather with mild winter in the very south of the country.